

Arizona Department of Education
Health & Nutrition Services
Family Child Care Homes Advisory Council
Thursday, July 26, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Minutes

Kenny Barnes – Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) Advisory Council Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Advisory Council Attendees:

Deanna Barrowdale	Mid-State Child Care & Nutrition
Phyllis Montgomery	Child & Adult Community Resources
Cathleen Moore	Food for Children
Kenny Barnes	Arizona Department of Education

Advisory Council Members Not in Attendance:

Lori Mendoza	Association For Supportive Child Care
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Other Attendees:

Dulce Lopez	Child & Family Resources, Inc.
Sandee Montez	Nutrition For Children
Cathleen Reagan	Az Association of Family Day Care Providers
Angela Hilton	Nutrition and Health Education Resources

Last call for ‘Public Participation Request to Address’ Council forms

Welcome and Introductions:

- Greetings and welcome to Advisory Council and other participating sponsoring organizations made by Kenny Barnes.

Review Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Simply reminded everyone of what was discussed during the last meeting such as fire/health inspections, CACFP conference next year, 5-day reconciliation sheets and the management handbook has been on our website for a couple of months now. (K. Barnes)

Recruitment Practices:

- Reminded everyone that there are procedures and guidelines in place for the recruitment of providers. If any sponsor feels that any of their providers are being recruited by another sponsoring organization, they are to notify ADE with the details so an investigation can be initiated, if warranted. Procedures for provider recruitment are listed in the management handbook.

Transition Schedule – AA Homes:

- Discussed email that went out to sponsors that they can allow AA homes on until transition schedule goes into effect. Suggested that sponsors do not take on too many new AA providers. Reason being is that when they have to start transitioning over, there will be that many more AA providers they have to transition over. (K. Barnes)
- If not willing to take on DES kids, DES will not certify them. DES/DHS giving providers attitude when requests are made to become certified or licensed. What is the level of certification/training needed to become certified or licensed? Can training that sponsors provide to provider suffice? Residents of Gilbert having hard time with DES offices trying to get on the program. (D. Barrowdale)
- The position paper I wrote was in support of Alternate Approval with the background on Alternate Approval in Arizona. (C. Moore)
- Why was this not brought up in previous Advisory Council meetings? Clients are saying that DHS and DES not aware of transition schedule. Upset that AA homes will have to transition to DES/DHS. Some AA homes will not qualify for DES/DHS. Some AA Homes cannot afford to get their homes up to standard for DES/DHS. Stated that individuals are prepared to hold press conferences, march outside building for this cause. Also, by suggesting sponsors do not take on any new AA providers, sponsors are being told to not do their job. Stated that sponsors need to stick together on this issue. When calling to get answers to questions, can't get ahold of anyone. (P. Montgomery)
- Asked Phyllis to clarify who she was talking about. Specialists are always accessible. Informed everyone that not only have I spoken to sponsors but also providers on this issue. (K. Barnes)
- Agrees that this is very important but we are not going to resolve this today, we need to move on. (C. Moore)
- Need to discuss this now. DHS and DES are very rude when clients call. (P. Montgomery)
- Could be here for another 48 hours on this subject. Don't think the state is taking this lightly. If it's important to you it is important to us. I would appreciate any suggestions on this transition. I am not going to make excuses for what has happened in the past. Let's move forward. (K. Barnes)

Ethics Committee:

- After talking with Melissa, if you want to come up with by laws as a committee or sponsor's network the State will not have any involvement in this may be created at a sponsor's meeting. You are more than welcome to do so. Any comments? (K. Barnes)
- Used to have an ethics committee where the state isn't involved-it has no teeth. The state really should get involved. By laws have been developed that I have passed out at previous meetings. (C. Moore)

Renewal Training:

- Any comments on Renewal Training? Any thing you wanted covered that wasn't? (K. Barnes)
- Just wanted to know when applications were due. Applications and budgets are due on September 4. (P. Montgomery)
- Need to have Permanent Agreement stamped on provider agreement. (C. Moore)
- Found contingent upon availability needs to be on Agreement. (D. Barrowdale)
- This isn't new. (C. Moore)

Public Participation:

- Angela Hilton, from Nutrition and Health Education Request to Address Advisory Council on the following:
 - Transition Schedule-Does not think there is collaboration between the State and sponsors. I would like to get support from DES/DHS in writing. From what I understand they are not aware of this. There is a lot of confusion and reputation is being affected. We don't know. It's a big responsibility. Getting this in an email is not very sensitive.
 - Email any negative response from DES/DHS-name and problem. No excuse for them saying they aren't aware. (K. Barnes)
 - I have the first one, Asst DES Dir., Tracey @ 602-542-4791 (P. Montgomery)
 - Who will address the requirements? What will happen to providers who don't qualify for DES/DHS?
- Cathy Reagan, Az Association of Family Day Care Providers Request to Address Advisory Council on the following:
 - Transition Schedule-Sponsors needed to be involved in transition. Would like a meeting to address issues of transitions to DES/DHS. Fire/Health inspections liability is with the sponsors not ADE. Not happy with the way sponsors were notified of not being able to have AA homes. Given 24 hours to comment on this instead of 10 days like the comprehensive report. We are telling people not to do our work. ADE initiated this not USDA.

Please note that these additional comments were given by membership in participation and support of Individual Speakers.

- All need to be in the same room to address this issue. (S. Montez)
- Would like a meeting where people can answer our questions. (P. Montgomery)
- Feels Maricopa County will lose a lot of people. Nobody has thought this out. AZ has a bad reputation as far as children's issues. (C. Moore)

Closing Remarks:

Committee Chair – First and foremost, no one is trying to put any one out of business. We need to see if something can be done to be on the same page. I assure you, issues raised here are brought back to management. Some things can be changed and some can't. If you think of things after our meetings you can always email me. I look forward to ideas and [constructive criticism](#). This enables me to know the issues.

- We have a mandate to provide CACFP access and the potential ramifications of losing alternate approval would be more like a tsunami. Feels that a meeting is warranted and the sponsors, ADE and a representative from FRAC should be in attendance. (C. Moore)
- Agrees with comments and does not want anyone to forget the focus. Standards must be met in order to participate. Do not have the rug pulled out from under them. (P. Montgomery)
- Pretty much covered all comments. Need meeting with all parties to hear items and make decisions. (C. Reagan)
- Agrees to wanting a meeting with management to discuss this issue. Would like to have a meeting before transition schedule instead of transition then meeting. (A. Hilton)

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Meeting concluded at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Next Advisory Council Meeting: September 24, 2007, 2005 N. Central, conference room 101 -
9:00AM – 12:00PM